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design data publicizing means for publicizing design data to users through a computer network;

correction data receiving means for receiving and storing correction data as said design data corrected by a user through said computer network; and

design assisting means for reflecting said correction data received by said correction data receiving means on product design,

wherein said design data publicizing means includes

public design data prepared in advance to be publicized among said design data,

an editing program file for editing said public design data, and

a design data publicizing processing unit responsive to a request from a terminal connected to said computer network for transferring said public design data and said editing program file to said terminal, and

wherein said correction data receiving means includes

a data base for registering said correction data, and

a received mail processing unit for receiving an electronic mail to which said correction data is attached and registering and storing said correction data in said data base,

said received mail processing unit classifying said attached correction data based on an attribute of the user recited in said electronic mail and registering said correction data in said data base based on the classification results.

9. (currently amended): A user's request reflecting design system for timely and accurately reflecting users' requests on a product, comprising:

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wherein said design data publicizing processing unit includes

information entry selecting means allowing a user to ~~select either, enter design information without downloading public design data, entry in the form of a menu or request~~ transfer of said public design data to the user with and an editing program file.

27. (previously presented): The user's request reflecting design system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said attributes are common to a group of users.

28. (previously presented): The user's request reflecting design system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said correction data is classified according to at least two attributes.

29. (previously presented): The user's request reflecting design method as set forth in claim 11, further comprising the step of searching the correction data based upon the classified attribute.